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The attached Communication is sent
in response to the Amends sent on 6/30/2000
and subsequently.

GEETHA P. BANSAL
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed June 20, 2001 (Paper No:91/2B) is acknowledged. This amendment had not been considered at the time the advisory action had been sent as the papers had not been received into the file (see Interview summary of August 26, 2001). Subsequently the papers were received and entered into the file. Accordingly, this office action is being sent in response to the June 30, 2000 office action.

A telephonic discussion had been ongoing since the time the advisory action was sent out. Basically, upon entry and review of the June 30th amendment and subsequent to that, it was found that the claimed SEQ ID Nos did not correlate with those in the specification. This was communicated to Applicant's representative Ms. Eve Frank, and that a search needed to be made on the claimed sequences. Applicant wanted time to review their seq. Id. Nos and correct all discrepancies, so that an effective search could be carried out.

The office has not so far received any explanations or amendments to SEQ ID Nos. As such the Office cannot carry out an effective search. Prior to issuing a meaningful office action and possibly find allowable subject matter, it is necessary to have the sequences and SEQ ID Nos between claims and specification be in correspondence. Since several conversations have taken place between Applicant's representative and Examiner, and no amendments have been received, this action is being sent to keep the prosecution active.

6. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1640 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1640 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center telephone number is (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Geetha P. Bansal whose telephone number is (703) 305-3955. The

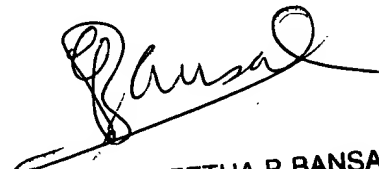
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examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Thursdays, and alternate Wednesdays from 7:00am to 4:30pm and alternate Fridays from 7:00am to 3:30pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Anthony Caputa, can be reached on (703) 308-3995.

8. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

March 24, 2002.



GEETHA P. BANSAL
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